

Death Master File Extract Output Record Specification 09/2001

Record Location	Field Description	Field Size
01	Blank or A (add) C (change) or D (delete)	1
02-10	Social Security Number	9
11-30	Last Name	20*
31-34	Name Suffix	4*
35-49	First Name	15*
50-64	Middle Name	15*
65	V or P Code (Verify or Proof code)	1*
66-73	Date of Death (MM,DD,CC,YY)	8*
74-81	Date of Birth (MM,DD,CC,YY)	8*
82-83	State/Country Code of Residence /1	2*
84-88	Zip code Last Residence	5*
89-93	Zip code Lump Sum Payment	5*
94-100	Blanks	7

Online and CDROM specifications

Record Length: 100 - WITH LINE FEED CHARACTER ADDED AT END

****Note: the record length will be 101 because there is a line feed character at the end of both the ASCII file and the EBCDIC online file, and the ASCII CDROM.**

/1 = No new information after 2/88

Tape or Cartridge Specifications

3480 Cartridges

Record Length: 100 Block size: 27900

*Revised 3/01 to expand the name field, adds the middle name, suffix and V/P fields, and adjusts remaining field positions accordingly.

**It is preferred that cartridges are used instead of the magnetic tapes, as there is considerably less incidence of a faulty product with the cartridges.

****A** = NEW DEATHS TO BE **ADDED** TO YOUR MASTER DMF OR **REPLACE** CURRENT MASTER FILE ENTRIES (AS IF CHANGES). IF UPDATE "A" IS FOR AN **IDENTICAL** ENTRY ON MASTER DMF, **REPLACE** CURRENT ENTRY OR IGNORE THIS UPDATE. IF UPDATE "A" IS FOR SAME SSN ON MASTER FILE, BUT WITH SOME OTHER DIFFERENT DATA, **REPLACE** CURRENT ENTRY WITH THIS LATEST DATA.

C = CHANGES MADE TO THE RECORDS ON THE DMF DURING THAT MONTHLY PERIOD (SUCH AS IN DATE OF BIRTH OR DEATH, ETC). THIS ENTIRE "**C**" RECORD FOR THAT SSN SHOULD **REPLACE** ANY CURRENT RECORD YOU HAVE ON YOUR MASTER DMF, OR BE **ADDED** IF NO ENTRY FOUND ON YOUR MASTER.

D = DELETES: ANY SSN RECORD PREVIOUSLY ON THE DMF WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE ERRONEOUS AND SHOULD BE **REMOVED** FROM YOUR MASTER DMF; OR IF NO CURRENT RECORD ON MASTER FILE, **IGNORE** THIS DELETE.

***** V** = (VERIFIED) REPORT VERIFIED WITH A FAMILY MEMBER OR SOMEONE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY, OR ...

P = (PROOF) DEATH CERTIFICATE OBSERVED. (NOTE: DMF SUBSCRIBERS MUST NOT TAKE ANY ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY ANY DEATH LISTED, EVEN IF V OR P CODES ARE PRESENT.

*****SSA DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY OF THE DEATH MASTER FILE*****

DMF - STATE/COUNTRY CODE RESIDENCE (09/01)

CODE		CODE	
01	ALABAMA	35	NORTH DAKOTA
02	ALASKA	36	OHIO
03	ARIZONA	37	OKLAHOMA
04	ARKANSAS	38	OREGON
05	CALIFORNIA	39	PENNSYLVANIA
06	COLORADO	40	PUERTO RICO
07	CONNECTICUT	41	RHODE ISLAND
08	DELAWARE	42	SOUTH CAROLINA
09	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	43	SOUTH DAKOTA
10	FLORIDA	44	TENNESSEE
11	GEORGIA	45	TEXAS
12	HAWAII	46	UTAH
13	IDAHO	47	VERMONT
14	ILLINOIS	48	VIRGIN ISLANDS
15	INDIANA	49	VIRGINIA
16	IOWA	50	WASHINGTON
17	KANSAS	51	WEST VIRGINIA
18	KENTUCKY	52	WISCONSIN
19	LOUISIANA	53	WYOMING
20	MAINE	54	AFRICA
21	MARYLAND	55	ASIA
22	MASSACHUSETTS	56	CANADA
23	MICHIGAN	57	CENTRAL AMERICA & WEST INDIES
24	MINNESOTA	58	EUROPE
25	MISSISSIPPI	59	MEXICO
26	MISSOURI	60	OCEANIA (AUSTRALIA & ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC
27	MONTANA	61	PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
28	NEBRASKA	62	SOUTH AMERICA
29	NEVADA	63	AREAS UNDER U.S. ADMINISTRATION: (CANAL ZONE, CANTON ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, MARIANA ISLANDS (OTHER THAN GUAM), MARSHALL ISLANDS, MIDWAY ISLANDS, WAKE ISLANDS)
30	NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	AMERICAN SAMOA
31	NEW JERSEY	65	GUAM
32	NEW MEXICO		
33	NEW YORK		
34	NORTH CAROLINA		

(NOTE: IF ANY ALPHA'S/OR OTHER NUMERICS SHOW IN THESE TWO CODE POSITIONS, YOU SHOULD IGNORE THEM. FOR PURPOSES, IT MEANS THAT SSA DOES NOT HAVE A STATE/COUNTRY CODE FOR YOU.)